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Throughout the WORLD.

With

A WORD

To the WISE in HEART.

And

A LAMENTATION

For *NEW-ENGLAND.*

Given forth from the *movings* of the *Spirit* of the LORD, by one who is known to the World by the Name of

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OH *hearken* all ye People of the Earth, and *listen* all ye Inhabitants of the same: Oh *hearken* what the Lord *speakes* to his People, He *speaks Peace* unto his *Israel*, and to all them that put their *trust* in him; for saith Christ Jesus, *I am the Light of the World, which doth enlighten every one that cometh into the World.* Oh *hearken* to that of God *in* all your *Consciences*, which *checks* for *sin* and for *iniquity*, and for *every thing* that is *contrary* to that of God *in* all mens *Consciences*, which is the *Light* which Christ Jesus hath *enlightened* every one withal that cometh into the World. Oh my dear Friends, *consider* the *Loving kindness* of the Lord God unto your Souls, that he should *So love the World, as to send his onely begotten Son into the World, that they through him might believe; in whom is Life, and the Life is the Light of men.* Oh let not the *Loving Kindness* of the Lord *slip out of your Minds*, but *fear* and *dread* before him, who made Heaven, and Earth, and all things that are therein; and hath all Powers in his hand, and can turn them whensoever it pleaseth him, and howsoever it pleaseth him. Oh *fear* and *dread* before his holy blessed Name for ever more, *Amen.*

For at his Name must every knee *bow*, and every tongne *confess*, even at the Name of *Jesus Christ* our Lord, and onely Saviour, and Redeemer, whom we witness come, *to take away sin in the flesh*; which all the Teachers in the World are ignorant of, that tell people, *that they cannot be free from sin while they live in this Life*; which is contrary to Christ's Commands, which saith, *Be ye perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect*: and, *Be ye holy, as I am holy*: And so they keep poor people alwayes *learning*, and never able to come to the *knowledge of the Truth, as it is in Jesus*. For Christ, *he came not to call the Righteous, but Sinners to Repentance, that they through him might believe*, in whom is *Life* and *Salvation*, for all them that believe in the *Light* which Christ Jesus hath *enlightened them withal*.

And so all People, *great* and *small*, *high* and *low*, *rich* and *poor*, of what sort soever ye be, Mind the *fear* of the *Lord God* of *Life*, every one of you in your own perticulars; while you *have time*, prize *it*; lest the Lord come and *smite the Earth with a Curse*: For assuredly, a *Day* of *account* must come upon *all flesh*, to *try all* them that dwell upon the Earth, whether their *deeds* be wrought *in God*, yea or nay: For the Lord God of Life is *risen*, and *arising* to *plead* with all the Inhabitants of the Earth, and they shall be as *stubble* before him; for our God is a *terrible* God unto the wicked, for all the *proud*, and all that *do wickedly*, shall be as *stubble* before *Him* with whom we have to do. For assuredly, a *Day* of *Account* must come upon all flesh, to *try* them withal; and every man's *work* that will no abide the *fire*, must be *burnt up*, of what *sort* soever it shall be: For there is not a *deed done* in the *Body*, but an *account* must be

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given for it, whether it be *good*, or whether it be *evil*: the mouth of the Lord of Hosts hath *spoken it*; Who will *perform* all his *Promises* made unto his own *Seed*. All *praises* be given unto him who *made all things* by the *word* of his *Power*, and *Man* to *serve* him. And now is his everlasting *Trumpet sounding* unto *all Nations*, that *whosoever will come and drink of the Rivers of Life freely*, may come and *buy Wine and Milk without Money and without price*. And *let every one that is a thirst come, and whosoever will, let him come, and take of the Water of Life freely*: And so all People, who desire to know Salvation for your own Souls, *come* to the *Light* which Christ Jesus hath *enlightened* you withal. And *now* hath the Lord alone *set up* his *Standard*, and is *displaying* his *Ensign*, that all Nations may *come unto it* and be *saved*, who is *Israel's King* and *Redeemer*, from all *Stormes*, and *Tempests*, whatsoever may be suffered to come upon them to *try* them withal. Oh! my dearly beloved Friends, in whom there is *any tenderness* towards *God* and his *Truth*, consider what you have been *doing*, and how you have *spent* your *time*, whether in the *Service* of the *Lord*, or in *serving* of your own *Wills*? To *that in* your *Consciences* I speak, which is *God's Witness*, and will *bear witness*, against all that which is contrary to it in your own particulars.

And if you love the *Light*, you will bring your deeds to the *Light*, that the *Light* may prove them, whether they be *wrought in God* yea or nay; but if you hate it, it will be your *condemnation*, (the Light) but I exhort thee whoever thou art, as thou tendereſt the good of thy own Soul, that thou *love* the *Light* which is the *Life* of *Men*, and *embrace* it, and *love it* with *all thy heart*,

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and with *all thy mind*, with *all thy Soul*, and with *all thy strength*: Oh! *love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy Neighbour as thy self*; so shalt thou come to feel the *Plant* which the Lords right hand hath planted in thee, to grow up, if thou loveſt it; for this know aſuredly oh Man, that the Lord is come to look for Fruit, *For he that ſows to the Fleſh, ſhall of the Fleſh reap Corruption; But he that ſowes to the Spirit, ſhall of the Spirit reap Life Everlaſting; and Joy and Peace, which ſhall never be taken from them*; And ſo in tender love unto the Seed of God in all People, do I write, to warn all that love their own Souls, to fear and dread before the Lord God of Life and Power, for the Lord is at hand, as thouſands can witneſs at this day; all praiſes be given unto his holy Bleſſed Name for ever; for his *Love* is *unſpeakable* unto the Children of men, and his *Ways paſt finding out*; Oh! that men would praiſe the Lord for his goodneſs, and for his loving kindneſs towards the Children of men, *for his Mercy endures for ever, throughout all Generations, unto ſuch as love his holy bleſſed Name for ever*: Oh, let the houſe of *Iſrael*, ſay, that his *mercy endures for ever*; and let the houſe of *Jacob* ſay, that his *mercy endures for ever*; and let the houſe of *Aron* ſay, that his *Mercy endures for ever*: Oh! let all them that know him ſay, that his *Mercy endures for ever*; and let all the Ranſomed ones of the Lord, ſay, that his *Mercy endures for ever*; who have taſted of his Everlaſting Love, which is ſhed abroad in our Hearts towards his own Seed: And in that Love which the Lord God of my Life hath loved me with all, do I exhort thee, and beſeech thee unto whom this may come, that thou ſlight not the day of thy Viſitation,

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for if thou doſt, the Lord will ſlight thee, when the day of thy Calamity cometh upon thee to try thee; therefore I ſay unto thee, ſlight it not, leaſt the Lord come and ſpue thee out of his Mouth; and thou ſeek the Lord with tears as *Eſau* did, and could not find the Bleſſing; For the *Spirit of the Lord ſhall not alwayes ſtrive with Man*; therefore ſink down low to the witneſs of God in thee, that ſo thou mayeſt come to have Peace with God in thy own particular; and ſo being obedient unto the *Light* of Chriſt in thee, thereby thou mayeſt come to witneſs victory over all that which hath vailed from thee the Pure *Seed* of God in thee; and ſo my dearly beloved Friend, unto whom my Life reaches, that all might come to the Knowledge of Life in themſelves, and live; which is the deſire of my Soul, and the deſire of all them that love and fear the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is my Life, and the length of my Dayes, in whom I live, not I, but Chriſt in me, the Hope of Glory, as the Scriptures of truth do bear witneſs: Unto that of God in all mens Conſciences do, I ſpeak, which is my witneſs and the Apoſtle bears witneſs of the ſame when he ſaith, *Know ye not, that Chriſt is in you except ye be reprobates*; ſo then I ſay, as thou tendereſt the good of thy immortal Soul, Dwell in the Light which is the way that leads to Life, which all the Prophets, and all the Apoſtles, and all the Holy men of God did witneſs, *Chriſt the Way, the Truth, and the Light*; as thouſands can witneſs at this day; all *Glory*, and *Honour*, *Praiſe*, *Power*, and *Thanks* be given unto his Bleſſed Holy Glorious Name for ever, and for ever; who firſt loved us; when we were in our Blood, he ſaid unto us, *live*, and is become unto us a place of

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broad Rivers, and *S*treams of Everlaſting Life, flowing into our Hearts, to nouriſh his own Plant in us, whom he hath called and choſen, to bear Teſtimony for his name Sake; everlaſting Pure Praiſes be given unto him, who liveth for ever, who is our *King*, *Prieſt*, and *Law-Giver*; unto whom the gathering is, and ſhall be for ever, all praiſes be given to his holy Name; for he is become unto us the *chiefeſt among ten thouſands, and more to be deſired than the Honey, or the Honey-Combe, of all them that fear him and keep his Commandments*; and more to be *Embraced* then *fine Gold*: And as we abide faithful unto the Lord, we know that we ſhall all ſit down with *Abraham*, *Iſaac*, and *Jacob*, where none ſhall make us afraid, though *ten thouſands* riſe up againſt us, yet ſhall we not *fear what man can do unto us*; for our God is on our ſide, *Who then can be againſt us*? who works all our *Works in us and for us* continually; who never ceaſes to adminiſter daily refreſhment unto his own Seed in us; Everlaſting holy Praiſes be given unto my Heavenly Father, who is my *Eternal Portion*, and my *exceeding great reward*; who hath *redeemed me from Death to Life, and from under the Power of Satan unto God*, and hath ſet my feet upon a Rock, which *Rock* is *Chriſt in me, the hope of Glory*; In *whom I live, and move, and have my Being*; and unto him alone belongeth all the Glory; for of my ſelf I can do nothing: But it is he that worketh all his Works in me by the *Word* of his own *Power*; by which I ſtand even at this preſent time, and am preſerved through all Straits by Sea and by Land, and through *good report* and *evil report*, and whatſoever may come for his Name Sake; *Who ſo loved the World*,

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that he sent his only begotten Son into the World, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but should have Everlasting Life abiding in them; for he came to save *Sinners*, of whom I was the *chief*; but now I am *washed* and *cleansed* through the *Blood of Christ Jesus*, which God hath revealed in me by the Revelation of his only begotten Son, without which none can see God, and live.

This is to go all over the Earth, that so People may come to see their Sins, and repent, and live; given forth from the moving of the Spirit of the Lord God, in tender Love unto the Seed of God in all mens Consciences to whom I write, who am a true lover of *Israels Good*, and would have none to perish in their Sins, but that all might come to the Knowledge of him, and live, in whom is *Life* and *Salvation*, and with him there is *Plenteous Redemption* for evermore, that he may be feared and worshipped in Spirit and in Truth, for such is the Father seeking to worship him, as do worship him in *S*pirit and in Truth; as thousands do witness in these our dayes, in whom he hath revealed the Image of his only begotten Son in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord, and only Saviour, in *whom we live, and move, and have our Being*, who is the *Rock* of *Ages*, and *Generations*; so that Generations which are to come, shall bless and praise his holy Name for these our dayes, wherein he hath made known of the Riches of his Grace, and of his Majesty in our Hearts, and hath shed it abroad unto all *Nations*, *Kindreds*, and *People*, that so they might come to the knowledge of Salvation for their Immortal Souls, and live in whom is Life.

O all People be obedient unto that of God in your own Consciences, which makes manifest the deeds of darkness in your own particulars, that you may come to feel the springs of Life to nourish the Plant, which his own right hand hath planted in you. O love the *Light* that leads to *Life* and *Salvation*; O let it take impression in your hearts, so shall it be worn in the inward part of the mind, which is the searcher of all secrets, and knows the intents of the same; for they are all naked and bare before him. O my dearly beloved Friend, in whose hearts there is any tender desires begotten, Keep to the *Light*, and dwell low in it; for if ever thou come'st to know Salvation for thy Soul, thou must know it in thee; for Christ saith, that *none cometh unto the Father, but by me*, and *none knoweth the Father but the Son, and he to whom the Son revealeth him*; and he saith, *I and my Father are one*; and he saith, *Ye are my Friends if ye do whatsoever I command you to do*; and his *Commandements are not grievous but joyous unto all them that keep them in truth and uprightness of heart and mind*; unto whom the *Son of Righteousness is risen, with healing in his wings*; *and he will thorowly purge his floor, and will gather his wheat into his garner, but the chaffe will he burn with unquenchable fire.* O fear and dread before him, for he is a God of Love to his own Seed, but a terrible God unto the wicked, and all the ungodly shall be as stubble before him; and there shall be *weeping*, and *wailing*, and *gnashing* of *teeth*; and there shall be none to help them. Therefore return with speed, while ye have time prize it, lest it be hid from your eyes, and ye *perish* in your *sins*, and there be none to help you; for there is no *redemption* in the *Grave*, as the *Tree falls*

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so it *lyes*, and as *death leaves it*, so *Judgement shall find it*; and the *ungodly* shall *perish* in their *ungodliness*, but the *righteous* shall *flourish like a green Bay-Tree*; and they shall *reign* over their *enemies* within and without, for the *Lamb* shal have the *Victory* over all his enemies that may arise to oppose him; for his *Dominion is an everlasting Dominion, and of his Government there shall be no end; who rules all Nations with a rod of iron, before whom all the Nations of the Earth are but as the drop of a bucket*; for *he will dash them in pieces as a potters vessel, yea they shall call to the Mountains to cover them, and the Hills to fall upon them* in that day when the Lord shall call them to an account for all their ungodly deeds, which they have committed in all their life time; O that thou wouldest lay this to heart, whosoever thou art that art in this Condition, and fear and dread before the living God of Life and Salvation, whose presence is dreadful unto the wicked.

O my dearly beloved Friends and fellow Citizens of the *houshold of God*, who are *come* to the *Heavenly Jerusalem*, the *City* of the *Saints solemnity*, where all the *faithful ones* shall *lye down together*, and *drink* of the *Rivers* of *Life*, which run *freely*: Oh *drink*, *drink my beloved friends* of the *virtue* of the *streams* of my *heavenly Father's Love*, which run *freely* and *plenteously*; for all them that do *wait* upon him in his holy blessed *fear* for ever, and hath *him alone* to be their *hiding-place*, of whose *fulness* there is *no end*; for he gives *freely* and *upbraids none*. Oh my dearly beloved Friends, unto whom my Life reacheth, Read me in the Covenant of *Light*, and *Life*, and *Peace*, where our *unity* stands, in that which was before words were, and shall be when words shal be no more, even in *that* by which the *World*

was *made*, and all things were *created*, and are *upheld* to this day, even by the *word* of his *Power* : And so all dear Friends, *hold fast your Confidence without wrath or doubting unto the end*, and in the *end*, that so ye may receive a *Crown of Life*, which is laid up for all them that endure faithful unto the end; for assuredly, *ye shall all reap if ye faint not*; but stand fast, and keep your integrity, oh dwell low in the feeling of the pure power of the Lord God of Life continually, that with it you may come to fathom over all the World, both within and without, and live unto God who is the Father of Spirits, that so ye may come unto the *New Jerusalem*, the *City of the living God, and unto the spirits of just men made perfect by the blood of the Lamb, which was slain from the foundation of the World*; but now hath the Lord made him known in these our dayes; everlasting holy *praises* be given unto his glorious Name for evermore, *Amen*.

Oh the *riches* of his *Grace* and *Love*, which he hath shed abroad in our hearts, towards his own *Seed*, who hath taken upon him the Government, and of whose Dominion there shall be no end, for he is come to Rule *whose Right it is*; everlasting, glorious, powerful, holy *praises* be given unto him for ever, my Father of *Life* in whom I live for ever; who is my strength, and the length of my days, and my portion for ever, and my exceeding great reward, who have forsaken all my Relations, Husband, & Children, and whatsoever was near and dear unto me, yea & my own Life too, for his own Names sake : Everlasting *praises* be given unto his glorious Name for ever, who hath counted me worthy to bear a *Testimony* for his Names sake, and hath fulfilled that Scripture, which he spake to his Disciples, when

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he ſaid, *He that will not forſake Father and Mother, Wife and Children, for my Names ſake and the Goſpels, is not worthy of me*; yea, *and his own Life too:* Which I do witneſs in my meaſure, *Hallelujahs* be given to the Higheſt for ever, who am a true lover of the *Seed* of God, and it is the deſire of my heart, that all may come to the knowledge of him in their own particulars, and live to God, in whom is *Life* and plenteous *Redemption* for evermore, *Amen.*

J. B.

A LAMENTATION for *New-England.*

OH *New-England repent*, I ſay unto thee *repent*, for in thee is found the *Blood* of the Saints, and the *Cry* of *it* is entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbaths, and *it* is come before him, for he is riſen to *plead* with all fleſh by the *ſword* of his *mouth*, and the *brightneſs* of his *coming*, and he will *terribly ſhake* the *Earth*, and it ſhall be as *ſtubble* before him; for he is riſen to make *inquiſition for blood*: Oh how will you *ſtand* before him? or, what will you *anſwer* him when he ſhall call you to an *account*, for all your ungodly deeds, that ye have ungodlily committed againſt the Lord and his Truth? or, what will you *anſwer* when he ſhall make *inquiſition for blood?* Oh howl and weep ye Rulers of *Boſton*, for the men of *Nineveh* ſhall riſe up in Judgement againſt you, *for they repented at the Preaching of* Jonas, *but a greater than* Jonas *is here*; but you have hardned your hearts againſt his ſervants, and againſt the

the witneſs of God in your Conſciences. Oh how is your beauty ſtained ſince the day the Lord firſt viſited you? and, how is your Light become Dark, yea even groſs Darkneſs that may be felt, and blind as ever the *Sodomites* were? Oh how doth my Soul pity you, that ever ye ſhould be ſo ignorant of your own Salvation, to turn the truth of our God into a ly, and put his Servants to death, when he ſent them among you to warn you of the Wrath to come, which is coming upon all the inhabitants of the Earth, except they *repent*; and therefore hath he ſent his Servants and Hand-maids amongſt you to warn you in tender love to your immortal Souls, but how have ye rewarded the Lord evil for good? and he looked that ye ſhould have brought forth good fruit, but behold briars and thorns, and ye have made your ſelves a ſtink to all Nations round about you. Oh come down to the witneſs of God in your Conſciences which will let you ſee what you have done, and if you love it, it will bring you to repentance, even the *Light* which Chriſt Jeſus hath enlightened every one withal, that cometh into the World; and if ye hate it, it will be your condemnation, even the *Light*; unto that in your Conſciences I ſpeak, which is God's Witneſs, and my Witneſs, which never conſented to ſin, but ever ſtands a Witneſs againſt it, in all your Conſciences, and is even preſſed as a Cart is preſſed with ſheaves. Oh that every one of you were made ſenſible of it, then would you not ſo kick againſt it as you do at this day, even as the *Gadarens* did at Chriſt, who beſought him *to depart out of their coaſts*; even ſo have ye made *Lawes*, and *Gallows*, and *Priſons*, and *Whips*, what not, that can be invented againſt the people of God. Oh how are you

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found fighting againſt the Lord and his Witneſs in every one of your Conſciences : for aſſuredly a *Day* of *Account* ye muſt give unto the Lord God of Life, who hath all Powers in his hands, and can turn them whenſoever it pleaſeth him, and howſoever it pleaſeth him. Oh what will you anſwer him when he ſhall call you to an account ? Oh ye Rulers of *Boſton*, my heart is made ſad when I remember your condition and your ſtate, how you are found out of the ways of God, againſt your own Soules. Oh *New-England*, how is your *beauty* become *aſhes*, and your *glory* turned into *ſhame* ? and how have ye *forgotten the Lord your Maker, and the Rock from whence ye were hewn, and are found fighting againſt him?* But this know all ye that *forget God*, and *kick at his reproof*, and will *have none of his Counſel*, but *ſlight his Meſſengers*, and the *Witneſs* of *God* in your own *Conſciences* ; yea know this aſſuredly, that ye cannot *hide* your ſelves from *the Wrath of the Lamb*, and his *preſence* ; For, *Who art thou, oh man, that art found ſtriving againſt thy Maker ? Have not I all Power in Heaven and in Earth, to do with them as ſeemeth good in my ſight ? ſaith the Lord God Almighty*. Oh that man could *praiſe the Lord for his Mercies* and *his Goodneſs towards the Sons of Men* ! And ſay not but that you were *warned* in your Life time, by one who is a true *lover* of the *Seed* of *God*, known unto the World by the Name of

Jone Brooksop.

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THE END.